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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) dated September 28, 2006, applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-9 and 14-18, drawn to a method for determining the presence of a gene in a sample, without traverse. Please cancel Claims 10-13 and 19-22. No amendment of inventorship is required as a result of the cancellation of these claims. In addition, applicant further elects the species of method Claim 15. Of course, Claim 16 is dependent for Claim 15 and readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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